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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on January 26, 2005 for the above-identified application. Applicant requests a three-month extension of time from April 26, 2005 to and including July 26, 2005. With the extension, the deadline for response to the Office Action is July 26, 2005. Thus Applicant respectfully submits that the filing of this response on July 26, 2005 is timely. Responsive to that Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.

Conclusions begin on page 20 of this paper.

This Amendment is believed to be in compliance with the Revised Amendment Format published in the Federal Register on June 30, 2003 (68 FR 38611), and therefore to be exempt from the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)-(d).